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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL ON UPCOMING FOREIGN POLICY
DEABTE

1. AT LUNCH WITH THE CHARGE SEPT 9. FONMIN OREJA'S CHIEF
OF CABINET (JAVIER RUPEREZ) OUTLINED CURRENT EXPECTATIONS
FOR THE PARLIAMENTARY "DEABTE" ON FOREIGN POLICY SCHEDULED
FOR SEPT 19. WHILE PLANS WERE STILL TENTATIVE, HE SAID,
IT APPEARED THAT A SPOKESMAN FOR EACH MAJOR PARTY (EXCEPT
THE UCD) WOULD PRESENT PARTY VIEWS: OREJA WOULD SPEAK FOR
THE GOVERNMENT (AND BY IMPLCATION ALSO FOR THE UCD).

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FOLLOWING THE DEBATE, PARTIES WOULD PRESENT MOTIONS WHICH
COULD BE PASSED TO THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, WHICH
WOULD STUDY THEM AND WITH WHICH OREJA (OR MORE BROADLY
THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND THE GOVT) WOULD SUBSEQUENTLY BE
ABLE TO DISCUSS ISSUES IN DEPTH.

2. RUPEREZ DID NOT EXPECT THE PSOE (THE SOCIALISTS OF

FELIPE GONZALEZ, WHICH HE FOCUSSED ON A THE PRINCIPAL
OPPOSITION PARTY) TO SEEK TO JOIN NOW THE ISSUES EITHER OF
POSSIBLE NATO MEMBERSHIP OR OF US MILITARY PRESENCE
IN SPAIN. THE PSOE WOULD PRESS, RUPEREZ EXPECTED, ON
THE SAHARA, AND ON CONCORDAT ISSUES BETWEEN SPAIN AND THE
VATICAN (MADRID 6283) DIVORCE AND ABORTION, OVER WHICH
THERE ARE DIFFERENCES, WERE NOT SUCH ISSUES; HE ADDED,
SINCE THEY DO NOT FIGURE IN THE CONCORDAT, WE ANTICIPATE
THAT AMONG THE PRINCIPAL TOPICS IN THIS AREA WILL BE THE
CHURCH ROLE IN EDUCATION AND THE QUESTION OF CIVIL VERSUS
CHURCH MARAGES, SENSITIVE ISSUES ALREADY RECEIVING
ATTENTION ON THE DOMESTIC PLANE.

3. REGARDING THE SAHARA, RUPEREZ DISMISSED THE POSSIBILITY
THAT THE GOVT WOULD ACCEDE TO THE EXPECTED SOCIALIST AND
COMMUNIST CALLS TO DENOUCES THE MADRID AGREEMENTS, INTER ALIA
ON THE GROUNDS OF NOT OPENING THE DOOR ON ANY OF SPAIN'S
EXISTING INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS. HE ALSO OBSERVED
THAT WHILE AS IS CUSTOMARY IN WORLD AFFAIRS SPAIN HAD
SPECIFIC AND PERSISTENT DIFFICULTIES WITH VIRTUALLY ALL OF
ITS NEIGHBORS, IT DID NOT INTEND TO TRY TO RESOLVE ITS
PROBLEMS WITH ONE NEIGHBOT AT THE EXPENSE OF ITS
RELATIONS WITH ANOUTHER, A CLEAR REFERENCE TO ALGERIA
AND MOROCCO. HE CONFIRMED INDICATIONS WE HAVE HAD THAT
MOROCCO HAS RECENTLY AND SEMI-OFFICIALLY BEGUN TO RESURRECT
CEUTA AND MELILLA AS LIVE TOPICS. HIS OWN PERSONAL VIEW ON
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THE SAHARA ISSUE WAS THAT NEITHER MOROCCO NOR ALGERIA
COULD "WIN" A CLEAN VISTORY, AND THAT OUT OF FRUSTATION
AND THE INTERNAL POLITICAL EFFECTS FOR BOTH OF A LONG
CONTINUING IMPASSE, BOTH MIGHT IN A REACH OF HOPEFULNESS ON
RUPEREZ PART-EVENTUALLY ACCEPT THE IDEA OF A OBJECTIVE CONSULTATION
WITH THE SAHRAWI POPULACE THAT SPAIN HAS CONSIDERED
SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN.EATON

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